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Mark L. Whitman
Police Commissioner

March 8, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket 02-55

Dear Ms Dortch:

I am the Police Commissioner for the York City Police Department and the incoming Chairman of the State Association of Chiefs of Police Division of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and would like to offer my support for the "Consensus Plan" filed by public safety organizations, private wireless organizations and Nextel, in the above captioned reference regarding interference to 800 MHz public safety systems

You and your staff and those listed above are to be commended for tackling this very troublesome area of concern to law enforcement. Several communities experience the problem and the FCC adopting the "Consensus Plan" would eliminate interference to critical systems. The plan is a proactive and a systemic approach to a public safety concern.

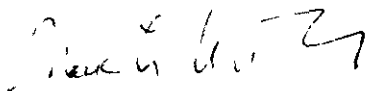
Finally, the "Plan" provides funding for implementation and also provides for additional 800 MHz band channels for public safety. The entire County of York Pennsylvania would benefit from this element alone as we remain in the lower frequency band and we are searching for an opportunity to move to the 800 MHz band.

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I am thanking you in advance for your consideration provided my request and that of all of the police agencies that I represent in my capacity with SACOP

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Whitman", followed by a stylized flourish or checkmark.

Mark L. Whitman
Police Commissioner